May, 1992 to the effect that '3more cross over to Pakistan' and 'two women among 6 cross over to POK' ;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons who crossed the Line of Actual Control during the years 1989-90, 1991 and so far in 1992 and the reasons therefor ;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to stop this migration to inspire confidence amongst the people in the country ; and

(d) whether the migration is due to fear of loss of employment opportunities in J & K ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The Government is aware of the press report in question.

(b) to (d) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that there are reports of about 4450 persons having crossed over to the other side of the Line of Control and International Border since 1989, due to propaganda and allurement by Pakistani and POK authorities that each family of muslims who would cross over to that side would be given Rs. 25,000 alongwith a residential plot and a scholarhsip of Rs. 300 to each of their wards.

Vigil in the border areas has been intensified with action to plug exfiltration and infiltration routes.

Special Development Schemes have also been launched in these areas with a view to restroring confidence among the people living there.

Crossing over by Bangladeshis to Pakistan

2144. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the caption "175 Bangladeshis cross to Pakistan from Ramgarh" which appeared in the Kashmir Times dated the 10th May, 1992 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of Bangladeshis who crossed over to Pakistan from Ramgarh (J &K) border during the years 1989-90, 1991 and so far in 1992 and also those who have been killed while trying to do so ; and

(d) what are the reasons which make the Bangladeshis to cross over to Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) As per information available with the Government, only 111 Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended on border in Ramgarh area. They were subsequently pushed back to Pakistan by BSF.

(c) The information is not available. However, 13 Bangladeshi national were killed by the BSF while they were entering into India from Pakistan during the years 1989 to 1992 (Upto June).

(d) Possibly they tried to cross over to Pkistan in search of employment and job opportunities there.

Foreign Nationals in the country

2145. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
SHRI SURENDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME

AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign nationals presently living in different parts of the country ;

(b) whether foreign nationals living in the country are allowed to marry the minor girls ; if so what are the rules applicable to such persons ; and

(c) what action is taken by Government against such foreign criminals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Accoding to liberalised visa rules, foreigners are required to register themselves with the concerned Foreigners Registration Officers if they intend to stay in India for more than 180 days at a time. According to available information, 130765 registered foreign nationals were living in India as on 1-1-91.

(b) Marriages with minor girls are prohibited under the Child Marriage Restraints Act.

(c) Action in all such cases is taken by the concerned Sate Governments under the relevant laws.

Escape by ULFA militants

2146. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that four hardcore ULFA militants escaped from Guwahati central jail on the 12th June, 1992 ;

(b) the number of ULFA militants who escaped from jails of Assam during the last one year alongwith the dates ;

(c) whether any enquiry has been held in each case ; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those found guilty so as to check the escapes from jail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Twelve ULFA detenus have escaped from Assam Jails during the last one year, as per the details given below :—

No. of ULFA detenus	Date of Escapes
2	8-3-91
1	14-6-91
5	25-6-91
4	12-6-92

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, Two officials were dismissed and several other officials of different ranks were suspended.

Allotment of land to ex-servicemen in Great Nicobar

2147. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he and the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration received representations in April, 1992 through Members of Parliament from some widows of ex-servicemen from Hoshiarpur district in Punjab, who were allotted land in Great Nicobar in the Sixties, urging the Government to ensure the possession of the allotted land to the concerned widows and to let them know the present status of the land ;

(b) if so, the action taken by him and the Chief Secretary, Andaman Nicobar thereon ; and